

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(11)

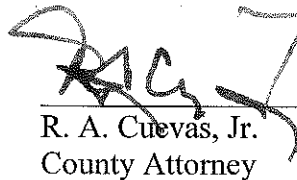
TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: December 3, 2013

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the Mayor
to conduct a feasibility study to
determine the availability, costs
and benefits of using armored
police surveillance vehicles

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Dennis C. Moss and Co-Sponsor Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson.



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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☐ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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12-3-13

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR
MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY
STUDY TO DETERMINE THE AVAILABILITY,
COSTS AND BENEFITS OF USING ARMORED
POLICE SURVEILLANCE VEHICLES

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County should seek new opportunities to improve the performance and efficiency of the services it provides, especially public safety; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Miami-Dade County can benefit from safer neighborhoods and a reduction in crime; and

WHEREAS, armored police surveillance vehicles have been obtained by law enforcement agencies for surveillance and as a conspicuous crime deterrent in high crime areas in cities throughout the country, including but not limited to:

- Ft. Lauderdale, Florida;
- St. Petersburg, Florida;
- Tampa, Florida;
- Evanston, Illinois;
- St. Louis, Missouri;
- Rome, New York;
- Utica, New York;
- Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and
- Racine, Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the law enforcement agencies in the aforementioned cities either purchased used armored vehicles at a steep discount from money transportation companies or obtained the vehicles through donation from the military, and subsequently outfitted the vehicles with modern surveillance equipment; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade Police Department may be able to benefit from the use of technology and a conspicuous crime deterrent in high crime areas to make more efficient use of its resources and to more efficiently allocate its sworn officers,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Directs the Mayor or Mayor's designee to conduct a feasibility study to determine the financial costs of purchase, implementation, and use of armored police surveillance vehicles for County law enforcement, including, but not limited to, consideration of the following:

1. The efficacy of the use of said vehicles for surveillance of criminal conduct in other jurisdictions, and the success rate of the use of any surveillance evidence in court that derived from said vehicles;
2. The efficacy of said vehicles as a crime deterrent in other jurisdictions as suggested by available statistical data;
3. The availability of any grants or donor programs to provide the armored vehicles, and the costs associated with the purchase of said vehicles;
4. The costs associated with the refurbishing of the armored vehicles to meet the County's needs, including but not limited to the addition of technology and equipment, and replacement of worn mechanical parts;
5. The costs associated with the implementation, use and maintenance of the armored surveillance vehicles and attendant equipment and technology;
6. The potential manpower savings in terms of sworn law enforcement officers and civilian staff, if any; and

7. Compliance with Constitutional rights and safeguards in conjunction with implementation and use of armored police surveillance vehicles in residential areas and close proximity to homes and other places where people may have a reasonable expectation of privacy.

Section 2. Directs the Mayor or Mayor's designee to provide a report on the feasibility study to this Board for committee review within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Dennis C. Moss and the Co-Sponsor is Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson. It was offered by

Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded

by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as

follows:

Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman

Lynda Bell, Vice Chair

Bruno A. Barreiro

Jose "Pepe" Diaz

Sally A. Heyman

Jean Monestime

Sen. Javier D. Souto

Juan C. Zapata

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.

Audrey M. Edmonson

Barbara J. Jordan

Dennis C. Moss

Xavier L. Suarez

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of December, 2013. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



David Sherman